

for one, growing up where I did and with the background that I had, Ak-Sar-Ben, you know, I knew a lot more about Ak-Sar-Ben, about the good things they did long before I realized there was a race track and the gambling activity. I'm not saying that's not good either. But my concern is, particularly after reading some articles in newsprint about the future of Ak-Sar-Ben, and particularly when Mr. Druitz (phonetic) had some comments about the particular financial situation of Ak-Sar-Ben. He had mentioned a concern about the continuation of the livestock program and I guess my question to Senator Hall is, if he would, we've had some communication, if he would say it for the record just what it is that Ak-Sar-Ben plans to do with its 4-H Program, FFA Program, county fair, Good Neighbor Awards, Pioneer Farm Family Awards, Nebraska Broadcaster Awards, and Press Association Awards. I mean, what is the future of those programs with Ak-Sar-Ben?

SENATOR HALL: Okay. Thank you, Mr. President and members. In response to Senator Moore's question, I have a letter dated here March 12, 1990, and it was in response to inquiries on behalf of Senator Moore and I think others from Ak-Sar-Ben with regard to those specific issues and would these programs be continued to be funded. I think I touched on it just briefly on General File, but, in direct response to Senator Moore's questions, those programs will be continued. They will be funded. They will be funded through corporate donations. Those corporate donations have been solicited. They have been received and they are commitments for five years to continue those specific programs that Senator Moore mentioned in his question, the 4-H Livestock Exposition, 4-H Programs; FFA, county fairs, Good Neighbor Awards, Pioneer Farm Family Awards, Nebraska Broadcasters Award, and the Press Association Award as well. So I think that the letter that Senator Moore also received from Mr. Fitzgerald, representing the Board of Governors, also responded to that issue that Senator Moore asked about.

SENATOR MOORE: Mr. Speaker.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Moore.

SENATOR MOORE: Well, also, and I guess just would it be safe to say that as long as there is racing at Ak-Sar-Ben and as long as there is a Coronation Ball at Ak-Sar-Ben there will be a livestock show at Ak-Sar-Ben?